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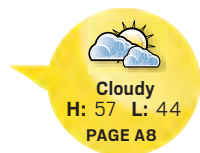


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President pledges to target corruption  
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| Germany       | 9 | 2 | 4 | 15  |
| Netherlands   | 6 | 5 | 2 | 13  |
| Canada        | 4 | 5 | 4 | 13  |
| Austria       | 4 | 1 | 4 | 9   |
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## 2016 PRESIDENTIAL RACE

# Russians charged with meddling

By Eric Tucker  
The Associated Press

**WASHINGTON** » In an extraordinary indictment, the U.S. special counsel accused 13 Russians Friday of an elaborate plot to disrupt the 2016 presidential election, charging them with running a huge but hidden social media trolling campaign aimed in part at helping Republican Donald Trump defeat Democrat Hillary Clinton.

The federal indictment, brought by special counsel Robert Mueller, represents the most detailed allegations to date of illegal Russian meddling during the campaign that sent Trump to the White House. It also marks the first criminal charges against Russians believed to have secretly worked to influence the outcome. The Russian organization was funded by Yevgeny Prigozhin, the indictment says. He is a wealthy St. Petersburg businessman with

ties to the Russian government and President Vladimir Putin. Trump quickly claimed vindication Friday, noting in a tweet that the alleged interference efforts began in 2014 — “long before I announced that I would run for President.” “The results of the election were not impacted. The Trump campaign did nothing wrong — no collusion!” he tweeted. But the indictment does not

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Deputy Attorney General Rod Rosenstein answers a question after announcing that the office of special counsel Robert Mueller announced a grand jury has charged 13 Russian nationals and several Russian entities, Friday in Washington.

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## LOCAL SPORTS

# DICK NICLAI TOURNEY

**Boys:** Fortuna Huskies’ offense goes toe to toe with McKinleyville Panthers, emerge victorious  
**Girls:** Arcata Tigers take home sixth consecutive tournament title over St. Bernard’s Crusaders



JOSÉ QUEZADA — FOR THE TIMES-STANDARD

**INSIDE:** Find full coverage of both Dick Niclai Memorial Tournament championship games on **PAGE B1**.

[Left]: Fortuna High School’s Bradley Willis makes it around Mason Sand of McKinleyville High School during the sixth match between the two teams this season. The Huskies came out on top with a 75-55 win over the Panthers. [Right]: Arcata High School senior Kaylie McCracken finished the 78-62 win over the St. Bernard’s Academy Crusaders with a game-high 41 points. The team’s sixth straight tournament title comes on the heels of its fourth straight Big 5 crown.

## SCHOOL SHOOTING

# FBI says it failed to investigate tip on Florida suspect

By Kelli Kennedy, Curt Anderson and Tamara Lush  
The Associated Press

**PARKLAND, FLA.** » The FBI received a tip last month that the suspect in the Florida school shooting had a “desire to kill” and access to guns and could be plotting an attack, but agents failed to investigate, the agency said Friday. Florida Gov. Rick Scott called for the FBI’s director to resign because of the missteps. Attorney General Jeff Sessions said the shooting that killed 17 people Wednesday was a “tragic consequence” of the FBI’s failure and ordered a review of the Justice Department’s

processes. He said it’s now clear that the nation’s premier law enforcement agency missed warning signs. In more evidence that there had been signs of trouble with the suspect, Broward County Sheriff Scott Israel said at a Friday news conference that his office had received more than 20 calls about Nikolas Cruz in the past few years. A person close to Cruz called the FBI’s tip line on Jan. 5 and provided information about Cruz’s weapons and his erratic behavior, including his disturbing social media posts. The caller was concerned that Cruz could attack a school.

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People comfort each other at a public memorial for the victims of the Wednesday shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School, in Parkland, Fla., on Friday.

## LAW ENFORCEMENT

# California police chiefs back reform initiative

By Dan Squier  
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At Tuesday’s Eureka City Council meeting, councilmembers will discuss whether or not to throw their support behind a proposed ballot initiative that would amend Propositions 47, 57 and AB 109, measures that were passed as part of the state’s prison realignment process. Eureka Police Chief Steve Watson forwarded a recommendation to the council with the support of city manager Greg Sparks asking for the council to support the Reducing Crime and Keeping California Safe act of 2018. The initiative has the support of the California Police Chiefs Association and is aimed at amending sections of the three laws to address repeat offenders and to ease the burden on county jails. “I don’t think prop 47 and AB 109 are all bad,” Watson said, “but they are flawed and ill-conceived. I believe Californians are bearing the cost of legislation that is too soft on crime.” Watson said that by lessening some previous felonies to misdemeanors, habitual criminals who would normally have been serving jail sentences, are being released because of the number of inmates who are serving sentences that previously would have been served in state prison. Humboldt County Sheriff William Honsal said that “since realignment has occurred our jail has been at max capacity. We are right now a the highest inmate count in years because anyone who gets a sentence of three years or less serves that time in jail.” Honsal added that any criminal conviction that leads to a sentence of more than a year should be the responsibility of the state. “It doesn’t have to be prison,” he said. “I don’t care where they are sent, but it’s the state’s responsibility and we can’t house our petty criminals and addicts who can take advantage of services while in jail because there is no room.” Watson agreed. “The jail has truly become a revolving door,” he said. “I believe that some of our repeat theft offenders have gotten the message they are free to break into homes and steal from local businesses and they have gamed the system. We need to introduce more

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### TEMBLOR

#### 7.2 earthquake slams south, central Mexico

A powerful 7.2 earthquake shook south and central Mexico on Friday, causing people to flee buildings. **PAGE A5**



### FORTUNA

#### Former garden club presidents honored

A collective 67 years of leadership was presented with potted succulents and cookie cutters on Valentine’s Day. **PAGE A2**

### BUSINESS

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| ▲ | Dow Jones | 25,219.38 (+19.01) |
| ▲ | S&P 500   | 2732.22 (+1.02)    |
| ▼ | Nasdaq    | 7239.47 (-16.97)   |

### PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS

#### 6 arrested after agents seize drugs, firearms

The arrests and search warrants served are part of an ongoing investigation of narcotics sales. **PAGE A2**